

REMARKS

Applicant has put claim 32 in independent form by including all of the limitations of claims 21 and 31. Applicant has changed the dependency of claims 22, 23, 27, 29 and 30 to now depend from claim 32, instead of claim 21.

Amended claim 1 is similar to allowed claim 36 but is of a slightly narrower scope. Accordingly, by re-writing claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 31 and 32, amended claim 1 is believed to be clearly allowable. Claims 3, 4, 5, and 9 are dependent on amended claim.

Similarly, amended claim 11 has been re-written to add the limitations of claims 31 and 32. Claim 11 is a slightly narrower version of allowed claim 42. Claims 13-15 and 19 are dependent thereon.

Accordingly, remaining claims 1,3-5, 9, 11, 13-15, 19, 22-24, 27, 29, 30, 32 and 36-53 remain in the application. All of the other claims 2, 6-8, 10, 12, 16-18, 25-26, 28, 31 and 33-35 have been cancelled without prejudice because a continuation, a divisional or a continuation-in-part application may be filed.

In view of the foregoing submissions and amendments, the claims now in the application are submitted to clearly and patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be therefore in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration towards that end is therefore respectfully requested.

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